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Rossville-Alvin schools end year in black: superintendent

ROSSVILLE—Local schools took in more money than they spent this year, ending the year on a financially healthy note.

Superintendent Phil Smith made the pronouncement at Monday's Rossville-Alvin school board meeting.

The district ended the year approximately \$50,000 in the black after having spent about \$21,000 less than it took in, he said.

In other business, the board took no action on a policy that would allow random drug testing of students.

"It's a bag of worms," Smith said. "We don't know where we're heading there."

Smith had earlier suggested a drug testing policy that would cover more student groups than athletes. He gave examples of students who drive to school as another group which could be covered.

A parent group was established to discuss the policy with the board, but a decision has not been reached.

If a policy is approved, Rossville-Alvin would become the second school in the county with a drug testing policy. Bismarck-Henning will begin random testing of athletes this fall.

In unrelated action, the board:

- ☐rearranged some classes at the grade school level and moved the Children At Risk Educationally classroom to the high school. "There was just no room in the grade school," Smith said.
- ☐learned the district received an "excellent" rating for compliance from the regional superintendent's office.
- ☐set Aug. 11-13 as registration dates.
- ☐hired Billy Kinnett as the district treasurer and Mike Moretti as assistant football coach.
- ☐accepted resignations from ag teacher Craig Potter who has accepted a position at Danville Area Community College; and music teacher Gayle Stevens who accepted a position in Homer.
- ☐hired architect Robert Hible to conduct a study of district buildings under the Life Safety program.

Briefly

Appreciation Day winners

Winners in a drawing for five \$20 Chamber Bucks certificates during Customer Appreciation Day/Christmas in July were Leslie Hardcastle, Clarence Wilson, Julie Holt, Linda Zimmerman and Marty Borders.

The events, sponsored by the Hoopeston Chamber of Commerce and local merchants, drew a good crowd, said event organizer Robin Lawson of Global Fashions.

"It was a fantastic turnout," she said. "There were a good 300 people downtown. All the tables were filled and there were people waiting in line. It's something we'll want to do again."

Along with the drawing, the Chamber and merchants provided hot dogs, pop and popcorn Saturday.

B&PW winners

July winners in the monthly Business & Professional Women's drawing were: Millie Sullivan, Hoopeston, \$25; Marion Moore, Wellington, \$15; and Ina May Burtis, Hoopeston, \$10.

Curfew reminder

Hoopeston police remind youngsters and their parents that enforcing curfew has been stepped up.

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Jamey Strawser, Hoopeston, \$709 due, failed to appear.

Juan Torres Jr., Ambia, Ind., two counts no valid driver's license, \$95 total on each.

Brandon Tyler, Hoopeston, speeding, pleaded guilty; \$95 total.

Kyle Voyles, Wellington, failure to reduce speed, \$95 total, three months court supervision; no seat belt, costs only.

Michael Wattles, Ambia, Ind., disobeying stop sign, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Kayla Wilson, Hoopeston, uninsured, speeding, failed to appear.

Robert Wood, Hoopeston, uninsured, \$500, costs; registration suspended, disobeying stop sign, dismissed.

Samantha Yankee, Loda, disobeying traffic device, \$95, three months court supervision; uninsured, dismissed.

Timothy Young, Hoopeston, speeding, \$95 total, three months court supervision.

Michael Zarate, Hoopeston, to pay in full, failed to appear.

April Russell, Ambia, Ind., illegal transportation, continued to Aug. 7.

Charles Freeland, Hoopeston, driving while license suspended, leaving the scene, failure to reduce speed, pleaded not guilty; jury trial April 20, 1998.

July 17: Todd Crose, Hoopeston, uninsured; continued to Aug. 7.

William Huckleby, Milford, disobeying stop sign; continued to Aug. 7.

Jeffrey Maple, Monticello, disobeying traffic control device; continued to Aug. 7.

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Police News

James L. Hurt, 18, of 105 Lane Ave., Potomac, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle following an accident at 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Police said the brakes in Hurt's 1981 Chevrolet Citation failed and the car jumped the curb at the Shell Mart parking lot, Routes 1 and 9. The door jamb of Shell Mart received minor damage.

In the hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
July 22, 1997

Admitted: John Laurie, Rankin; Rick McCay, Hoopeston.

Discharged: none.

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High in the mid 80s. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly sunny, warmer. High near 93, low near 68.

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